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1. WORKING GROUP, WHICH HAD ALREADY DECIDED MSC SHOULD BE OPEN-ENDED (REFTEL) REACHED AGREEMENT FEBRUARY 6 TO RECOMMEND THAT (A) PRESENT THREE CATEGORIES FOR COUNCIL ELECTIONS SHOULD BE RETAINED, BUT (B) WITH NUMBER TO BE ELECTED UNDER CATEGORY "C" (IN WHICH LDC'S GENERALLY MOST ELIGIBLE) INCREASED FROM SIX TO TWELVE, THUS INCREASING SIZE OF COUNCIL TO TWENTY-FOUR. CATEGORIES A AND B WOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE SIX EACH. THIS RECOMMENDATION ON SIZE, NUMBER OF CATEGORIES, DESCRIPTION OF CATEGORIES AND DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS, WHICH REACHED AS CONSENSUS DECISION, REPRESENTED COMPROMISE BETWEEN (A) GROUP OF 77 DESIRE TO REFORMULATE DESCRIPTION OF CATEGORY C (OR INSERT NEW CATEGORY) TO ASSURE LDC REPRESENTATION AND (B) PRESSURE BY US AND OTHERS TO SPREAD EXPANSION THROUGH ALL THE CATEGORIES WITH NO CHANGE IN DESCRIPTIONS OR ADDITIONAL
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CATEGORIES. DEAL PUT TOGETHER ONLY WHEN NIGERIA

BROKE OUT OF ITS ROLE AS SPOKESMAN FOR GROUP OF 77
AND ANNOUNCED WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT FORMULA (WHICH
SPAIN HAD SUGGESTED AS POSSIBLE COMPROMISE).

2. ISSUE THEN BECAME QUESTION OF HOW TO INTERPRET
MANDATE OF WORKING GROUP IN ASSEMBLY RES.A.314 (VIII)
TO FORMULATE "CONSEQUENTIAL RELATED AMENDMENTS."
WORKING GROUP ACCEDED IN END TO OUR PROPOSAL THAT
SECRETARIAT (A) PRODUCE DRAFT OF AMENDMENTS CLEARLY
NECESSARY IN LIGHT OF DECISIONS TAKEN AND (B) IDENTIFY
OTHER ARTICLES IN CONVENTION WHICH WORKING GROUP SHOULD
REVIEW TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT ALTERATION WAS NEEDED.
IT ALSO WAS AGREED WORKING GROUP MIGHT GO ON AFTER
WORK UNDER (A) AND (B) ABOVE COMPLETED TO CONSIDER
WHAT BROADER "CONSEQUENTIAL RELATED AMENDMENTS" MIGHT
BE RECOMMENDED TO EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY. IN SPITE OF
PAPERS WHICH FRANCE AND SPAIN HAD SUBMITTED TO WORKING
GROUP PROPOSING SUCH BROAD, EXTENSIVE REVISIONS IN
CONVENTION, BOTH THOSE DELEGATIONS HELPFULLY PERMITTED
GROUP TO FOCUS FIRST ON NARROW AMENDMENTS REQUIRED WITH
RESULT THAT RECOMMENDATION FOR MINIMUM ESSENTIAL AMEND-
MENTS ADOPTED WITH LITTLE DIFFICULTY. AT CLOSE OF
MEETING FEBRUARY 7 ALL BUT TWO OF THE ESSENTIAL
AMENDMENTS AGREED.

3. EXPECTATION IS THAT NARROWLY DEFINED "CONSEQUENTIAL
AMENDMENTS" WILL CONSTITUTE BASIC RECOMMENDATION TO
STATES, WITH BROADER IDEAS REFERRED TO IN CONTEXT OF
COVERING REPORT.

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